

* IO virtualization for VMs

~ system-view of ~~modern~~ OS includes devices.

~ device (external devices)

CPU $\longleftrightarrow$ device.
Interconnect

CPU } device
Interface

* device drivers use the interface to communicate w/ devices.

- OS uses the device driver to translate actions from its own subsystems.

at least 3 ways for the OS to communicate ...

(i) PIO — programmed IO.

↳ special ISA instructions to deal w/ IO.

Leg. in, out _____ serial port.

↳ port index, data

(ii) MMIO ~ memory mapped IO

↳ phy-mem is mapped to device interface state.

↳ r/w mem $\Rightarrow$ r/w to device regs.

(iii) DMA ~ where devices. r/w directly to/from memory.
↳ setup by instruction on CPU by the OS.

Quiz #1

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e.g.: consider a disk, with following interface

reg x : sector number

y : R/W

z : VA (memory address)

in/out : instr. to state purpose

$x \leftarrow 10$

$y \leftarrow 0$

$z \leftarrow Kva$

$\rightarrow$ in

read from
sector 10

& copy to Kva $\otimes$
specified in reg. z .

vd sector | psector
10 | 1346
0

$\otimes Kva_{hyp.}$

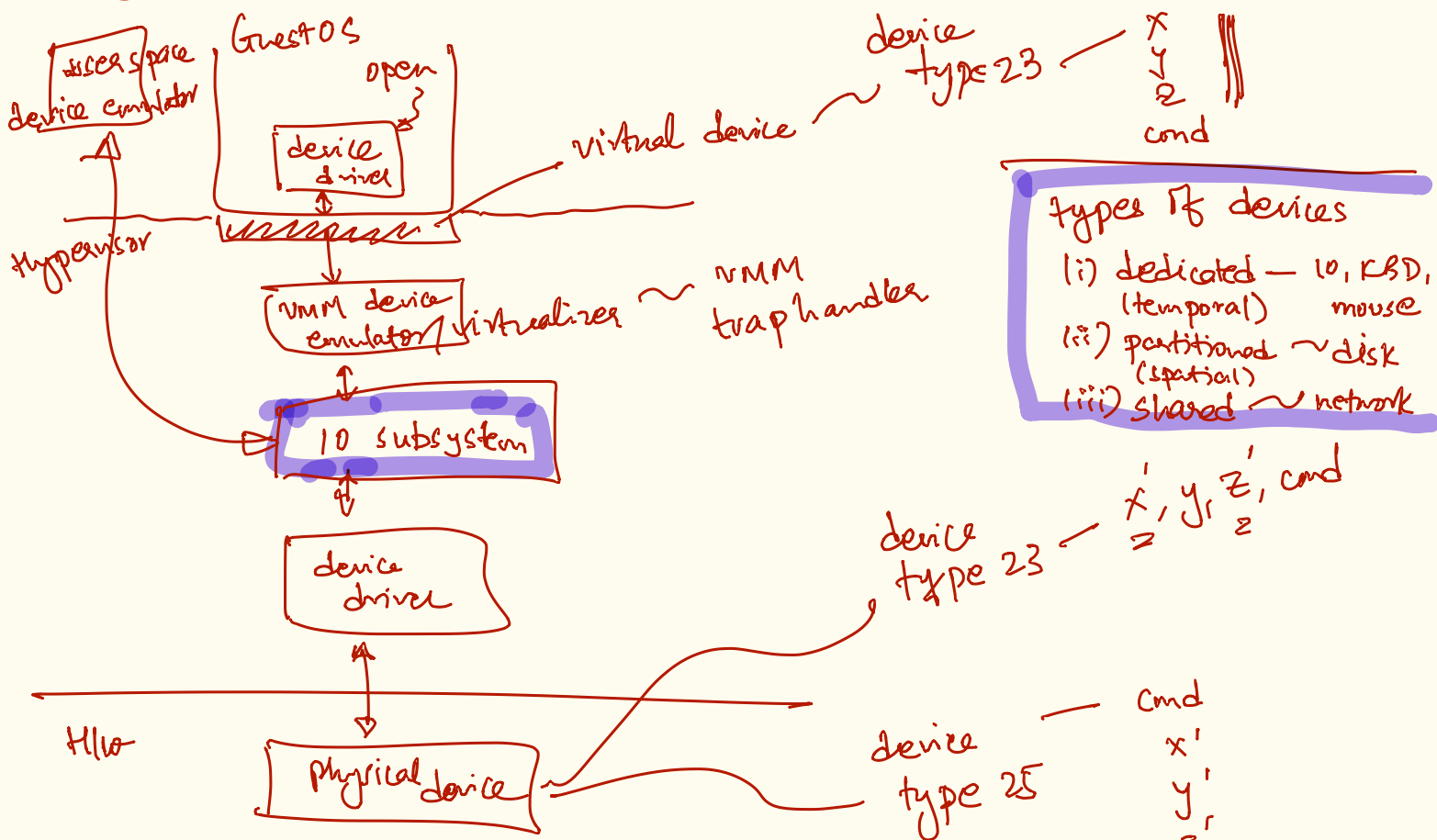
privileged
instr.

open $\rightarrow$ open
to

device
drivers
device
block num

$\left. \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{matrix} \right\}$ interface

$\otimes$ $\otimes$ Generalized IO virtualization view with VMs.



$\otimes$ virtual device may/may not be the same as the

physical device. e.g. $vdisk \leftarrow file$

$\otimes$ virtual device maybe virtualized via diff. abstractions.

① Full device virtualization (fully virtualized VMs).

- ~ guest OS does not know about the VMM
- ~ VMM virtualizes and handles/emulates the complete device interface.

device type 23

x

y

z

cmd.

(i) privileged instr. generates trap.

(ii) patch instr. to gen. trap.

(iii) write-protect mmio pages to generate trap.

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⊗ actual eg- e1000 NIC

⊗ 2 complete IO stacks:

② PV IO virtualization — split device (driver) model.

device type 23

x ← 10

y ← 0

z ← kva

cmdregs ← 0/1

trap →

trap →

trap →

trap →

PV

} →

single hypercall

hc-device io (x, y, z, cmd, devid)

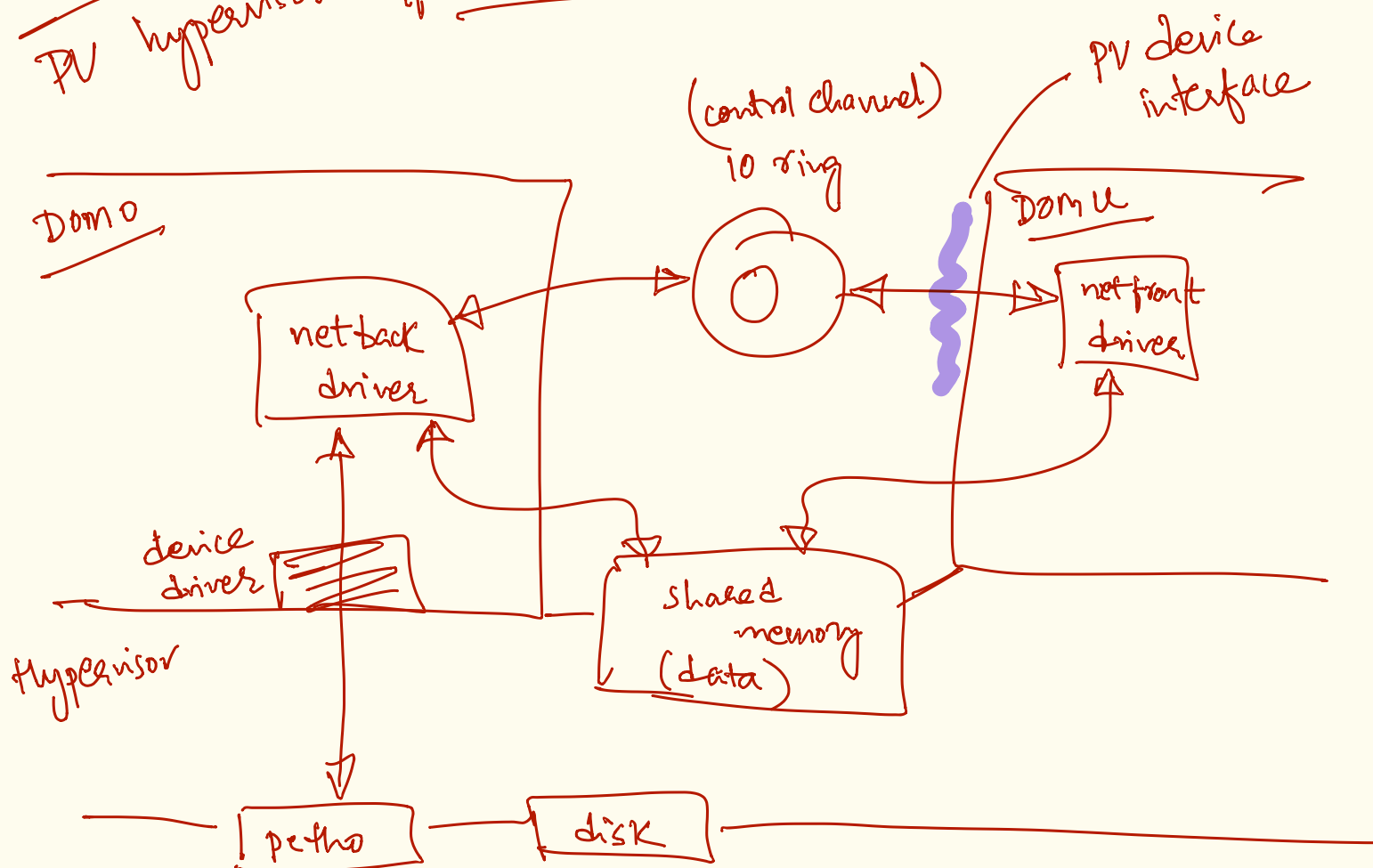
⊗ change device interface to a virtual interface
non-physical/non-real

⇒ send all control+data info in a single hypercall.

⇒ pack multiple units of IO in a single call.

→ simplify device specification for greater efficiency!

Xen || virtio (KVM, vmware) ..
 PV hypervisor



Q1. How deep should the n/w stack be on the guest OS?

Q2. How does Dom0 get/receive pkts destined for DomU?